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Briefs

Contest . . . Howe's Music Department will be represented by 23 individuals in the Solo and Ensemble District Music Contest Jan. 27 and Feb. 3.

The following groups will also perform: Madrigal Ensemble, Trebelaires, Vocal Ensemble, Vocal Trio, String Ensemble, String Quartet, and String Trio.

January Grads . . . Seventy-five seniors will graduate today. 50 plan to attend commencement ceremonies, June 8.

Good luck, graduates.

Rifle matches. . . The Howe ROTC rifle team placed second with 1,434 points in the Indianapolis ROTC Rifle Matches conducted Jan. 18.

Mark Roberts, junior, collected 256 points firing from the kneeling prone, and standing positions.

Ski Trip . . . Nineteen Howe students went on a three-day skiing trip Dec. 27-29 to Cannonsburg Ski Resort in Michigan.

The trip was planned by the Travel Club, which is sponsored by Joan Cooper, English teacher.

New Semester . . . Regular first period attendance routine will begin Monday, Jan. 29, marking the beginning of the spring semester.

Class schedules are still available in Rm. 51.

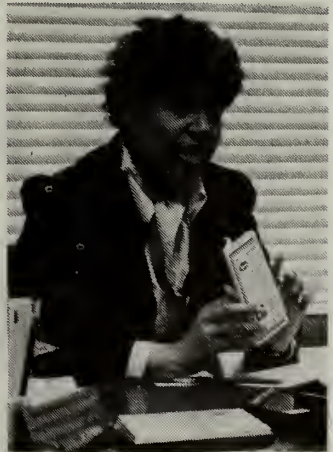
Brains. . . In their first match of the season, the Howe quiz team came from a 10 point deficit to defeat Beech Grove High School, 50-48, on a taped program of Channel 13's Brain Game Jan. 18.

The program will be televised at 2:30 Jan. 27.

The Indianapolis Education Association (IEA) has filed an unfair labor practice charge against the Indianapolis School Board in regard to the surplus of teachers.

Surplus will occur at the beginning of the second semester this year. About 53 teachers in the IPS system will be put on surplus and used primarily as substitute teachers or replacements for vacancies.

The eight teachers from Howe who are to be part of this surplus are Joe Vollmer, English Department; Joan Cooper, English Department; Cornell Walton, Industrial Arts; Cheryl McManama, Social Studies; Ray Evans, Math; Lynn Hopkins, Guidance Office; Andrew Kazimer, Physical Education; Deborah Lee, Business Education.



IEA President Billie Breaux: "You are abusing one's talent and one's expertise."

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IEA President Billie Breaux said the reasoning behind the unfair legal practice charge is that the administration is in violation of the IEA-IPS agreement. According to Breaux, the agreement said "... whenever there is a major change in a teacher's working day or in teaching conditions, IPS must talk and negotiate with us here at the IEA office with respect to this."

She said, "No contact was made with this office whatsoever."

IPS Assistant Superintendent Kenneth Smartz disagrees. "We are not in violation of the agreement in our opinion, nor in that of our attorneys. We have followed it to the letter."

Smartz said IPS is surplus mainly because it has lost about 10 per cent of its high school student body since September.

He continued, "I know of no business where they lose 10 per cent of their business where they don't make some adjustments, and we feel that's good business procedure."

Smartz commented that a little more than 80 per cent of the total IPS budget is spent on salaries.

"So when you go to look for some money, to save some money, where do you have to look? You don't look



IPS Assistant Superintendent Kenneth Smartz: "You don't look at the paper clip supply or the pencils or paper. You have to look where the money is. . ."

at the paper clip supply or the pencils or paper. You have to look where the money is, and that's in salaries."

Ms. Breaux feels there must be better ways to cut the budget. She feels one should be most concerned with students, and whether or not they get the one to one classroom attention they need.

"Probably a better way of reducing the budget would be to start at the top where you have top administration and where you have the Education Center."

Ms. Breaux is concerned with the possible loss of morale among the teachers, students, and administration.

Smartz feels the students will not be greatly affected by the loss of particular teachers, mainly because "... in all of our

schools, except one, everybody's program changes at the beginning of the new semester. There is very little likelihood that you're going to have the same teachers the second semester as you had the first semester anyway."

Ms. Breaux believes the school board will take another look at surplus and might dissolve the plan.

Smartz said only a court order or a school board order will halt surplus.

"Meantime, we're going right ahead, and you kids won't know the difference: not in the size of the classes or in the courses offered to you."

"Our primary concern is, always has been, and has to be the program for the kids. Otherwise, there's no excuse for school," Smartz concluded.

Lewis selects 'Carousel' for spring musical

By Nancy Janes

Tom Lewis, Music Department chairman, has selected Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical *Carousel* to be performed by the choir and orchestra March 21-24.

Lewis said he picked *Carousel* because it is considered by many to be the

"model musical." Also, it was chosen because of its beautiful and very familiar music.

The cast includes: Camilla Rich, Carrie Pipperidge; Ann Hudson, Julie Jordan; Betty Hempfling, Mrs. Mullen; David Welch, Billy Bigelow; Doug Hvidston, David Bas-

combe; Jill Denham, Nettie Fowler; Jim Davis, Enoch Snow; Steve Spicklemire, Jigger Craigin; Jean Hilton, Louise Bigelow; Bill Leamon, Enoch Snow, Jr.; Julie O'Haver, June Girl; Mark Holm, Heavenly Friend; Dean Hvidston and Lance Allison two special Hornpipe

dancers. Additional male and female dancers will be used.

After-school practices in the auditorium for the choir and orchestra begin March 1.

Lewis said, *Carousel* should have tremendous audience appeal and be a big success. I expect it to be a great show!"

No room for 'small' programs in budget

Rep. Richard Doyle's (D-South Bend) bill to divide the interscholastic football, basketball and volleyball programs into two classes based on size or weight is totally ridiculous. How can anyone seriously consider raising the already suffering budgets of high school athletic programs just to include a minority of people too small to play these sports?

This bill, if passed, would force Howe to either split their present funds to provide for two teams in each sport or double the funds.

During the 1977-78 school year, Howe spent \$36,650 on the football, basketball (boys and girls) and volleyball programs combined. This does not include the maintenance cost for the gyms or the football field. To provide an additional \$36,650 for the educational value of small people is unreasonable, especially since intramural programs for two of these sports are already provided at Howe.

Small people can gain just as much educational value in intramurals if they would participate. But they do not. It is not educational value they are after, it is public attention and glory!

Is there enough small people interested at school to form a team? If there are, would there be enough opponents available within reasonable traveling distance?

Many game rules are designed for team cooperation and skills, thus, uniform size of players would not guarantee a skilled team in most sports.

It is unnatural in life and sports to only compete against someone your own size.

Remember, "It's not the size of the dog that wins, but the fight in the dog."

Surplusing harmful for quality education

As the beginning of the spring semester draws nearer, the controversy over surplusing continues.

It is understood that surplusing is an efficient means to cut costs. Substitute teachers do not have to be hired nearly as frequently (which saves approximately \$30 per day per sub) and new teachers don't have to be contracted into the IPS system.

But should better business substitute for better personal relations? It does not appear that the school board is seriously considering the feelings of the teachers. Many teachers devote themselves entirely to the school in which they work. They enjoy

the atmosphere and the students, and especially the security felt in knowing that their class and their lesson plans will not change overnight.

True, some teachers are in this job just for the money, and they are certainly not the ones being hurt by surplusing, since their contract still holds. But those teachers who really concern themselves with the welfare of the students should not be forced to leave their established positions.

Surplusing may prove to be detrimental to good teachers and good education.



Student thanks teachers

Dear Editor,

I would like to point out two good points at Howe. There are many good teachers here, but I wish to point out three who care more than what their jobs call for.

As you know, teachers are special people already. However, we have more than our share of good teachers. By good teachers, I mean a teacher who cares about your life outside of school.

Many teachers just assume we have no social life as such, but we do. It makes a better relationship if the teacher cares about your social life.

Three such teachers here at Howe are Dale Dinkens,

Elina O'Drain and Larry McCloud. I have mentioned these teachers for good reasons.

Mr. Dinkens is one such special teacher. Even if you have never had him in class, you will in the course of your four years come in contact with him. His personality is one which shines and reflects on each student. He will never turn you away if you need help. Try asking.

Mrs. O'Drain is another, she outshines them all. She actually cares what you get on your report card. She is in her room after school to help anyone, not just the students in her class. I am now enrolled in a program that I had never heard of. Because of

the lack of communications between the students and the so-called counselors.

I thank Mrs. O'Drain for taking time to care.

Mr. McCloud is also a special teacher. To some students he is probably the hardest teacher here at Howe. However, when you come out of one of his classes you know that the information gained in his classes will help you all through your lives.

Take a minute to think about your teachers. Are they special too? Let's all give thanks to these three teachers who outshine the rest.

Signed, Grateful

Swim team member complains of poor sports coverage

Dear Editor:

I want to complain about the little publicity that the girl's swim team got this year. This was the best season the team has ever had. I feel we deserve something!

There was only one article and one picture in the Tower

this year, and they weren't even in the same issue.

The only reason there were a lot of articles on the team last year, was because a team member wrote them. I think it's getting pretty bad when you don't even recognize a team after they've worked so hard and had such a good season. Look how many articles there were on football, and we had a better record than they did. There was even one on basketball, and winter sports hadn't even started.

If you can't depend on your fellow classmates for support, then who can you depend on?

A swim team member



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Doyle proposes 'short' bill

A bill to require public high schools with interscholastic programs in football, basketball and volleyball to divide their programs into two classes based on height or weight of the students was recently introduced in the House of the Indiana General Assembly by Rep. Richard D. Doyle (D-South Bend).

If the bill is passed, all public high schools with an interscholastic football program would have to divide their present program into two classes. It would provide one team in which only students weighing under 165 pounds may participate and one in which students of any weight may participate.

Interscholastic basketball would also be divided into two classes. The boys would have one team for students under 5'10" in height, and one for students of any height. The girls would have a class for those under 5'4" and for those of any height.

Volleyball teams for boys and girls would be divided into two teams with the same height limitation.

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Doyle said the initial motivation for the bill was, "Simply the realization that was brought to my attention that some people are excluded from participating in sports."

He said, "If you're short, you're excluded from the competition."

Doyle stated he does not feel a lot of resistance from members of the House and simply says, "It's a point and fact that it's discriminatory."

However Doyle does get two reactions from the school people. "Number one, some just don't like it all. Those who just don't like it at all, don't like high school sports. It's probably a pain to them."

"Secondly, is the question of money. That's always a question in education. Where are you going to get the money?"

Then you go back to the question: Does it have any educational value? If it does, then we'll get the money. If it

doesn't, then maybe we should throw out what we got and use our physical education structurally a hell of a lot better than we do now," he added.

Rick Hewitt, Howe athletic director, feels providing more money to develop the intramural programs would be a better route to take. Hewitt said they are presently having to trim spending on the athletic program at Howe. And adding another program would hurt both.

Doyle said the only student feedback he has received is from "short people" who feel the bill is "fantastic".

Freshmen to challenge Broad Ripple

The Howe freshman basketball team will travel to Broad Ripple Jan. 30 to take on the Rockets at 4:30 in a game which should prove to be a close contest according to Coach Jim Hamner.

"It should be a toss up. Both teams have super records," Coach Hamner stated.

He said some of the team's



Debbie Johns maneuvers around a member of the Roncalli High School basketball team in a game played Jan. 11. The Hornets defeated the Rebels, 67-49. (Photo by Jay Tobias)

strong points are shooting, rebounding, defense, talent, team unity and a good attitude.

"There are no real weaknesses. It's really a pretty solid team," Hamner stated.

The Hornets will be placing emphasis on defense and rebounding in preparing for the game.

Leading rebounders are James Hatter and Marx Clark. Mark Hubbard and Ray Akers are leading the team in assists. Leading scorers are Dennis Crawford with a 15.9 point average and Lawrence Hayes with a 14.3 average.

"It ought to be an even game", says Coach Hamner.

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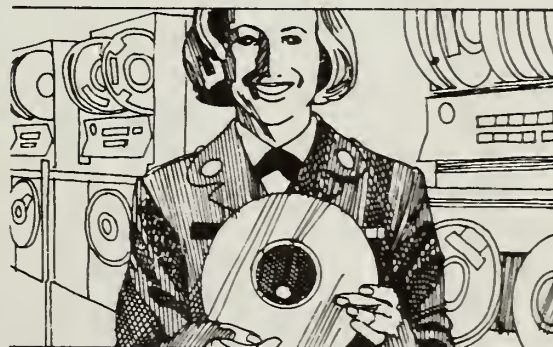
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Al Green's: the 50's 'hot spot'

By Karen "Z" Stewart

A seemingly deserted restaurant sits alone among overgrown weeds and abandoned cars at the side of one of the most traveled national highways. A closer look reveals jumbo shrimp and chicken displayed in faded paint on the windows. Bent speaker posts dot the grounds every few feet like broken grave markers.

This apparent waste of space was once the "place to be." Filled with 300 to 400 cars a night, this hot spot was affectionately known to its high school patrons as "Al's."

When Al Green opened his restaurant at 7100 E. Washington Street in 1947, the surrounding land was nothing but cornfields, and Shortridge Road was dirt paved. Al decided on this location anticipating the build up of the East Side.

By 1950, Al Green's was the nightly hangout for teenagers from Tech and Shortridge high schools and later for Howe and Warren Central students.

Al's menu selection included a 10 cent Coke, a half-pound hamburger for 35 cents and a whole chicken with french fries for 99 cents. Al also made his own ice cream for milk shakes. He owns a managerie of

machines for every purpose in the restaurant business.

Although these prices seem low to us now, Al said "Kids didn't have much money back then, and a dollar was a lot to spend."

Al, now 58, balding and rotund, is friendly and talkative. He is the creator of several inventions, including a practically indestructable carbon paper, and a fixture allowing fluorescent light bulbs to fit conventional light sockets.

After graduating from Indiana University with a B.S. degree, Al enlisted in the army in 1942. He set up Al Green's in partnership with his brother and sister.

Al Green's was unique for its time. It featured one of the first telephone ordering systems in the nation. It was equipped with 160 phones in addition to the 17 curb girls employed.

The "Al Green's" sign was also a first. In a 1950 addition of "Signs of the Times," it was said to be the largest self-supporting sign in the world.

Al's was the only place around that sold food and provided free movies. "Back then," said Al "kids didn't have anything to do, so we set up these free movies to keep them off the streets. They could get their dad's car and bring a carload out and

see their friends and watch movies."

"We never had any trouble with kids," Al continued, "because if we did, we'd kick them out and not let them return without their parents and maybe their minister."

Most of the movies shown were John Wayne westerns, science fiction, and horror movies. Other sources of entertainment included an occasional local band that would play for a dance in the parking lot, or a disc jockey playing requests over the loud speaker system.

Roger Cox, a 1955 graduate of Howe, recalls his days at Al Green's. "We'd get a carload of guys together and go 'buzz' Al's looking for 'skirts'. If we didn't find any, we'd go to the other side of town and look for fights."

Al says he thinks kids today have not changed much since 'the good old days.'

"We didn't have a drug problem then, except maybe a bottle of beer once in a while."

"Families were a lot stronger then; kids respected their parents. 'But' he adds, "I think they're all still pretty nice."

Today, Al Green's is open only on weekend nights. It still sells its half-pound hamburgers, now for \$1.15. "That's a cheap price too,"



claims Al. "These aren't much higher than Steak 'n Shake's, and they have a lot more meat in them. We try to do a good job and serve a quality product."

Now there are no more curb girls. No more movies. No more telephones and no

more bands or records. But Al speaks of a revival.

"We might start showing movies again pretty soon, and maybe I'll fix the sign so it sparkles like it used to."

Maybe Al will make a comeback with high school students, but it could never be the way it was.



These cars, typical of those seen at Al Green's in the 1950's, gathered at Al's for their annual car show.



These proud car owners pose in front of Al's old-time outdoor movie screen. Al Green's featured drive in movies every night during the late 1950's and 60's.